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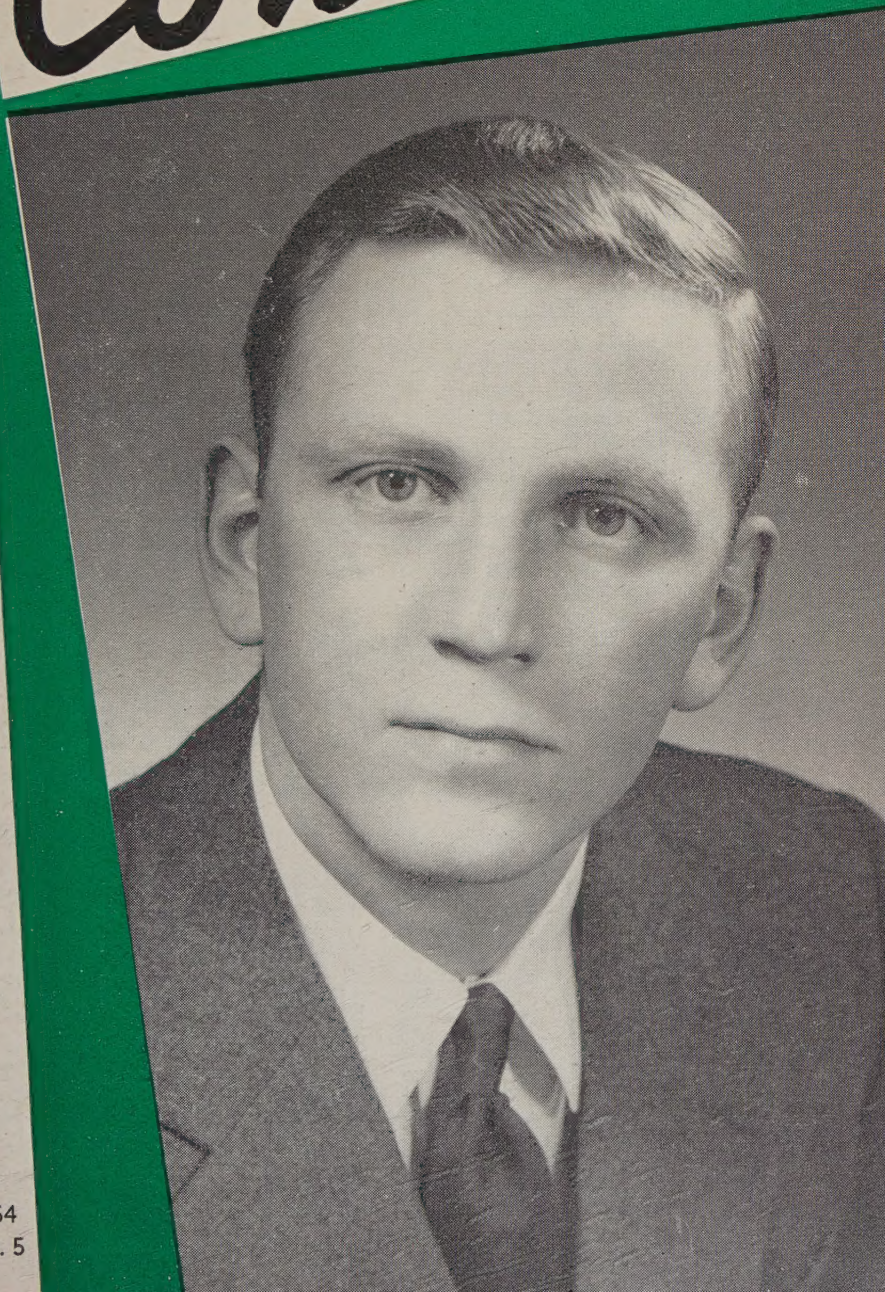

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What can one young person do in a world so much bigger than he is—a complex world where very few things are simple and direct? If a young person does try, in a Christian ideal and way, to do something about the world outside his own community, how can he hope to beat the big boys and the systems and the odds of fate?

Faith seems to be the answer. Put faith and hard work, ability and integrity together, and you have a super answer. Get the idea that God will use you, powerfully, if you make yourself whole-heartedly available to Him; commit yourself to His will for you.

You'll find yourself having your life's adventure. The whole operation will be big inside you, and you will be full of power—power not of your own making or direction, but power that excites and accomplishes and is never exhausted or hurtful.

Sound simple? It isn't, at all, but it's sure—so sure that you don't worry for a minute about the shape or direction of things to come. Part of the adventure lies in not knowing what happens next, and the rest of the adventure lies in knowing that a Master—the Master—YOUR Master is running the show, calling the signals of self and circumstance—and that He is the original Adventurer.

He cares about **you,** too, as well as the plot of happenings outside you.

Oh, yes, **our cover boy**—he is John Brademas, whose "doing something about it" is described on the next page. The story doesn't identify his political classification, or state his theology. It does give you a good example of **what one person can do,** as a witness to what he believes, in today's world just as it is.

Come to think of it, you may be too young to vote or run for office or go flying off to see for yourself how things are before you start thinking.

But our cover boy "began" as a teen-ager, studying and dreaming and growing into what he hoped to become. That's the world you can do something about because you're OLD ENOUGH.

Contribution

There once was an oyster whose story I tell
Who found that some sand had got into his shell!
It was only a grain but it gave him great pain,
For oysters have feelings—for all they're so plain.
Now, did he berate the harsh workings of fate
Which had brought him to such a deplorable state?
Did he curse out the government—cry for election,
And claim that the sea should have given protection?
No—he said to himself as he lay on a shelf,
Since I cannot remove it, I shall try to improve it.
Now the years rolled around as the years always do,
And he came to his ultimate destiny—Stew!
And the small grain of sand that had bothered him so
Was a beautiful pearl all richly aglow.
Now the tale has a moral; for isn't it grand
What an oyster can do with a morsel of sand?
What couldn't we do if we'd only begin
With some of the things that get under our skin!

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He's a Christian in politics

Political circumstances leading up to next week's elections may prove to be the perfect meeting point of "the world's needs" and a young Methodist's vocational commitment.

John Brademas, 27, of South Bend, Ind., former Methodist student leader in both the United States and England, may be elected Congressman to represent 1,195,846 Hoosiers in Indiana's Third District.

Elected or not, his Christian witness has been consistent and effective as he has participated in international student activities, in governmental studies at Harvard College here and Oxford University in England, and in current political effort.

John Brademas may defeat his opponent, up for re-election, partly because unemployment conditions in their district have produced a strong discontent with what the party now in power is doing about the situation.

As a matter of Christian witness, however, it is significant that John won last spring's primary election over six other candidates from his party, one a veteran politician well-known to both party members and voters in general. John's campaign speeches and efforts were markedly Christian in subject and manner.

Titles of his talks before widely varied groups included: "The Christian Answer to Communism," "Politics, Politicians and the Christian Faith," and "The Christian Responsibility in World Affairs." It is made clear that he intends at all times to follow Christian principles to the best of his ability.

John's interest has been in social-political affairs since his teen-age days. He was president of First Church MYF in South Bend and became a volunteer leader of youth activities at Hering House, a Negro community center in South Bend. He also was a good high school sportsman, student government leader, and valedictorian of his class.

During navy training in 1945-46 he won the first of numerous scholarships, using it to enter Harvard to study government. There he was president of the Wesley Foundation, and while a student was part of the first Methodist Work Camp in Mexico, the summer of 1948.

A point of real inspiration on John Brademas' road to vocational decision was his attendance at the first Methodist student "Christian Citizenship Seminar" in Washington, D. C. in 1949. He paid close attention in governmental sessions and interviews with political leaders, and from that time forward he knew a growing commitment to Christian citizenship as a politician.

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"I believe," he once said, "that being a politician can be a religious vocation just as much as being a minister."

In 1949 he was one of four students appointed by the United States Department of State and the United Nations—from 10,000 applicants—to be a UN intern at Lake Success. He spent the summer working in the Department of Public Information and attending meetings of the UN Councils—Security, Trusteeship, and Economic and Social. The next year he was chosen as one of four American students to represent the United States at a conference in Brussels, Belgium, of students from North Atlantic Pact nations.

Graduating from Harvard in 1949 with high honors, and completing his graduate work there in international affairs the next year, he continued his scholarship-winning ways and became a Rhodes scholar at Oxford.

There the young Hoosier Methodist played his native state's favorite game —basketball. He was active in the Student Christian Movement, and was one of the founders and editors of "Oxford Angle," a journal by Americans at Oxford about Europe as they saw it, published mainly for circulation in the United States.

He returned home from Oxford a year ago, having fulfilled all requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social Studies. Last winter he was a discussion leader at the National Methodist Student Conference at Lawrence, Kans., and in spite of a heavy campaign schedule he serves in many ways in his home church.

Fellow students of John Brademas are emphatic that his personal influence on their lives encouraged several of them to choose full-time religious vocations. Men who knew him briefly as a young but keen assembly-line worker in South Bend industry are proudly supporting his candidacy. Political leaders have come to admire his integrity and straight-forwardness, and he is receiving both personal and party loyalty from them.

Although obviously a scholar, with no political associations in his background, John Brademas is a thoroughly democratic, friendly person, interested in many things besides his own dedication and career.

He combines knowledge with Christian ideals, realizing that he will find a lot of bad in politics but believing that good will win out—and that he can do no less than to contribute his whole being in the name of Christ.

NEWS

Network time given to Morris

For the first time since the repeal of Prohibition, a national network has sold time for public discussion of the liquor question.

The Rev. Sam Morris of San Antonio, Texas, after 15 years of trying to get broadcast time coast-to-coast, will speak on a 30-minute program over NBC's network Sunday evening, Nov. 7, at 7 o'clock EST. The program will originate in Dallas, and will deal with the detrimental effect of the liquor traffic on U.S. society.

Mr. Morris has broadcast a "Voice of Temperance" program through local stations for 20 years, but was able to buy network time only after appearing before the House Interstate Commerce Committee last spring during hearings on the Bryson Bill to outlaw interstate liquor advertising.

He had tried repeatedly to purchase time, Mr. Morris told the committee, who later asked the Federal Communications Commission for information on how much time was being sold to beer and wine interests. The next time Mr. Morris asked to buy time from NBC he succeeded.

New chapel on Capitol Hill

Methodism has recently re-decorated and dedicated the only chapel on Capitol Hill—the Simpson Memorial Chapel in the Methodist Building, just across the street from the Capitol.

National legislators will be asked to participate in regular mid-week worship services each Wednesday noon, to which all faiths will be invited.

The sanctuary, which seats 85-100 persons, will be open for meditation at all other times unless a special meeting is scheduled, and there will be special organ music for prayer hours each morning, noon, and early evening.

Peaceful use of atom studied

Two private, non-profit organizations have begun a comprehensive study of effective methods to use atomic energy in non-military projects.

Resources for the Future, Inc., has put up $200,000 for the inquiry, and the National Planning Association will conduct the study.

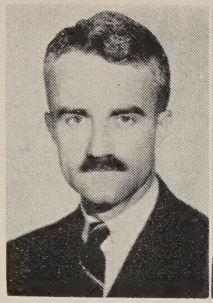
New episcopacy in Old World

Methodism's newest bishop, Dr. Ferdinand Sigg of Zurich, Switzerland, will administer the Church's work in Belgium, Austria, North Africa, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Poland, annual conferences which have been directed by Bishop

NCC announces youth leaders

New leaders in the National Council of Churches who will serve in student work are being officially announced.

Herluf M. Jensen, Lutheran Student Association representative to both NCC and world student conferences, is the new executive secretary of the United Student Christian Council, the related student body of the NCC.



Dr. Nelson

Mr. Jensen

Rev. Sageser

Dr. John O. Nelson, former editor of Intercollegian, national student Christian magazine, and professor of Christian vocations and field work director at Yale University Divinity School, has been named chairman of the University Christian Mission — NCC's campus evangelical program. He is also national chairman of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, chairman of the National YMCA's Association Press, and heads one of the World Council of Churches' major study groups in this country.

The Rev. David B. Sageser, Methodist student work leader, is the new executive director of the Department of Campus Christian Life for NCC. He will direct NCC's student work through the programs of five national campus Christian groups, both student and faculty. He has been director of the Kentucky MSM and director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Cincinnati.

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Arthur J. Moore of Georgia since 1952.

Bishop Zigg was elected in a newly organized central conference meeting in Brussels, Belgium, and consecrated Oct. 17 by Bishop Moore.

The new bishop has been president of the board of trustees of The Methodist Church in Switzerland and since 1944 has headed the Bethany Deaconess Association. He was a delegate to the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in August. Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio, conferred a doctor of divinity degree on him in 1948.

Una Sancta: plea for unity

From Germany comes announcement of a plea that Protestants and Roman Catholics pray for and work toward overcoming the division in Christianity, by a congress in Berlin of the Una Sancta movement.

The 150 Protestant and Roman Catholic delegates said that "human sin" was responsible for the split among Christians, and that Christ's command for unity among Christians has not been followed seriously enough.

The Una Sancta organization, founded in 1916, sponsors theological discussions between Roman Catholics and Protestants, seeking to bring believers of both faiths together for joint talks to promote understanding. Prof. Joseph Lortz, Catholic theologian of Mainz, said that "what the confessions have in common is more important than what separates them."

Long two weeks for board "veteran"

When Edna L. McArdle, as a teenager, was hired for two weeks to "work on the accounts" of the former Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, she had no idea the "two weeks" would continue for 45 years of service in the Board and its continuing Board of Missions.

Miss McArdle was honored this month as having what is believed the longest service of any headquarters employee of the Board.

Young Russian guests in Britain

What a clamor would be set up in the U.S. if a group of Americans invited six young Russians to be their guests, showing them a lot of things most tourists like to see, taking them to concerts, engaging in frank discussions on American and Russian life, accepting some criticisms and making others, and stressing a more urgent approach to peace in both countries!

That is what happened this summer in Britain, where Quakers served as hosts and sponsors, with help from many others.

The Russian youth, on leaving, said they had learned much they didn't know before, and pledged themselves to work for increased friendship. They were warm in their appreciation and gifts were exchanged at parting.

Florida youth make check tour

Poverty—landmarks—Methodist missions in action—racial integration in a worship service—five young people and their sponsor from the Wauchula, Fla., Methodist church made a tour of missionary activities in Cuba just before school began this fall.

The church sponsored the trip for Sylvia Ann Warren, Jeraldine Farr, Phyllis Wilson, Bill Crews and Bobby Evors, and Sponsor Margaret Pace.

They flew from Miami to Camaguay, Cuba, and spent the first two days with the Rev. and Mrs. Garfield Evans, missionaries at Holguin. There they visited all the missionary churches and eight poverty-stricken sections within the city limits.

Their tour included visits to Miss Eulalia Cook, missionary in Baguanos, and to a large sugar mill at Preston, much historical sight-seeing, and a stop at the agricultural school near Preston.

They spent two days at Matanzas, where they attended the Central Methodist Church, the oldest Protestant church in Cuba, visited a seminary, and attended an interracial evening service in a small mission church.

After two days in Havana they flew back to Miami.

But one thing he missed

(Reprinted from "Conference Clatter," published by California-Nevada Conference.)

For three months during this last winter we had a Methodist from Germany attending our church. He had recently come to this country from behind the Iron Curtain, and his parents are still there.

Our visitor greatly appreciated the numerous kindnesses shown to him. He liked everything he experienced of our church fellowship. **But one thing he missed!** A sense of sacrifice.

Being a Christian is a matter of convenience, not a matter of courage. As a consequence, we take for granted a way of life which our German friend, from bitter experience, knows cannot be taken for granted.

About as close as most of us in America get to sacrifice is through our pocketbooks. We bear no lashes on our backs. We carry no wounds on our hands. We suffer no mental abuse or vocational threats because we wear the Christian label.

The best way we have, therefore, of paying our part of the bill of spreading the Christian faith around the world is through personal giving.

The MYF division in every local church has an MYFund quota to pay. The amount that goes into the MYFund is used to help people all over the world.

Why don't you take advantage of this chance to do something for someone who greatly needs your help. It really does not matter whom you are helping or where they are from.

The important part is that YOU are giving something that YOU have earned because YOU are concerned about others; because YOU believe in Christian sharing and Christian love.

But one thing he missed . . . Would our German friend find something missing if he visited **your** MYF group?

—Elaine Howse
Christian Outreach
California-Nevada Conference

IF YOU WERE MIAKO, WHAT WOULD YOUR ANSWER BE?

TO MIAKO KUBOYAMA, YAIZU, JAPAN:

My dear Miako:

You are grieving for your father, I well know. And you are hurt and angry at the United States, as are so many of your countrymen. For the deadly ash that fell on the "Lucky Dragon" in March, from the hydrogen bomb test, must seem an unnecessarily bitter fate. Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and now this. Why must it be Japan that always suffers from the atom?

You are only nine, Miako, and still a small girl, but when you grow up, there are things I would like you to understand. I don't write patronizingly to you as a child. Millions of us, whatever our age or nationality, are very immature, and we are often led by men not yet full-grown—men who perceive but dimly that the only world of safety is a world of brotherhood.

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No one meant to harm your father; the men who exploded the H-bomb and underestimated its reach were moved by fear. They were afraid men in another country, who dominate the minds of their own people by force, might get the H-bomb all alone, then threaten those in other lands whose ideas they, too, fear.

Strange, though, isn't it? When the last war ended, your people were willing to risk the way of disarmament and peace, but our country wouldn't let them. For this we ask, particularly, your forbearance.

One thing you know already: that some men, in all countries, are different from other men. Big-minded men, when they have even unintentionally done a wrong, admit it freely. Lesser men try to evade responsibility.

This will explain why some U.S. newspaper reporters in Japan, when they saw what had happened to your father, tried to make light of it, saying he probably would not die—as if his suffering did not matter. And why some others, when they saw the natural alarm of your people over radioactive fish, made of it a joke. Or why so many U.S. paper and commentators (though happily not all) spoke up like so many hired propagandists, attempting to show your father did not die from his experience last March, but from some newer cause.

Truly, Miako, most Americans are not like these.

When they know the truth, most Americans are sound and kind. But so nationalistic was our press that when our doctors were barred from the fishermen, the paper had to discredit yours, though many of us know your physicians are ethical and skilled. It would not have been impossible to get detailed medical reports from your experts; the British paper, "Peace News," did so.

Thus a few of us knew that the worst cases had suffered a drop in white blood cells from 6,000 to 1,000 and in blood platelets from 200,000 to 10,000, with damaged bone marrow and dangerous mortification. Even if some other factor hastened your father to his grave, could that alter the basic reason?

Truly, Miako, not all of us are hit-and-run Americans.

Have you not known children who behaved badly, sometimes cruelly, and afterwards smirked or even laughed? When you are older, you will understand if one has a serious sense of guilt, an easy way to cover it up is by derisive laughter. This can temporarily bolster one's feeling of superiority; it cannot cleanse the heart.

One thing alone can give such people a healing knowledge of shame: forgiveness by the victim. Can you forgive us? Can you, your grandmother and your mother Suzu? Can you forgive our government, which was late even in offering regret, late and niggardly in its financial recompense?

Your sacrifice, Miako, may have taught us something. That in another all-out war the newer weapons will often be beyond control. That the H-bomb only deters, on either side, as it creates a mutual fear; and fear will not abate until both sides disarm. That this can never happen until the prisoners of fear cry out to their "protectors"—as did the poet of ancient India—**"O slayer of demons, let me go . . ."** And so, Miako, count me as your friend, in fellowship.

(signed) **Devere Allen**
WORLDOVER PRESS

"Realism" and the Cross

(Note: Although new CONCERN readers will have missed the first of Mr. Nelson's discussions of a recent statement on "Our Best Chance To Survive" by Brig. Gen. Charles A. Lindberg in the "Saturday Evening Post," this second discussion by Mr. Nelson, we feel, is complete enough to be of value in itself.)

We agreed recently with Brig.-Gen. Charles A. Lindberg, that, if we as a nation rely upon armed strength as a preventive measure against war, "our security will lie in the indestructible power to destroy."

We agreed, also, that this is true because "there is no longer such a thing as adequate defense. We agreed that such a policy would require unlimited sacrifices of living standards, "progress," and no one really knows what else, to "essential military strength."

All of this would be necessary if we were to have so many military bases all over the world that no enemy could count on wiping them out with a well-timed and coordinated hydrogen bomb attack.

All of this, we said, is realism—the "realism of the world." In this column, we promised to deal with the question, "What is **Christian** realism?"

Christian realism is not primarily concerned with our physical security as individuals, our power as a nation, or even "the survival of Western Civilization." It may, indeed, be concerned with some or all of these things—but it is more deeply and primarily concerned with something else.

It is concerned with this: how do we react to God's love—the incredibly long-suffering, redemptive patience with sinful man, shown in countless ways, but especially in the life and death of Jesus?

"Christian realism" can not possibly overlook the primary event in Christian experience—the Cross. If we can not accept the Way of the Cross as God's realism, then we have to admit we are not Christians.

And what is the Way of the Cross?

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It is suffering love offered as the answer to evil. Jesus actually "bore our sins" in his body, in his mind, and in his spirit, because it was God's will that he show God's love in that way.

But we Americans—even "we Christians"—are not Jesus, are we? No, we are not Jesus, but we do live by love, not just because it "works," but simply because we are so grateful that we can not help it. As John put it, "We love, because He first loved us."

Now, this column is too short and your columnist too far from being a political expert to come up with a full-blown "plan for the world peace." As a matter of fact, he does not think the world as we know it will be saved from destruction by any plan invented on the political level.

To reach a political solution, we shall first have to find our individual response in terms of the Cross, and then our response as a world-wide Christian Fellowship.

For himself, however, your columnist would like to say this: my response to the love of Christ completely rules out, for me, any use of a hydrogen bomb, not only to destroy, but even to "frighten off." If I am not actually willing to use it, what aggressor will I deter?

If godless men use the bomb, Christ can still say, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

But if Christians use it—those whom he has called friends—what can He do, but turn and look at us as he looked at Peter? Because the cock will have crowed, and we will have denied Him, not just once, but **three times** . . . And once that has happened, what will there be left to us to do, but like Peter "to go out and cry bitterly?"

By Claud Nelson, Jr.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Yoyo county scrubs donkeys

All of the donkeys in Yoyo County are clean this week, thanks to the efforts of 400 MYF'ers in Yoyo County.

Last Aug. 29, the Yoyo County subdistrict went all out to clean up as many donkeys in Yoyo as they could. By mid-morning things were really twirling and many of the Yoyo cats went hog wild as they scrubbed up their donkeys.

All of the proceeds of this event were contributed to the MYFund to clean up the monkeys of South East Bongo Land. More than $400 was raised during the day-long scrub. According to the experts in monkey business connected with the MYFund, almost 20,000 monkeys will now be reconditioned and fitted with new tails allowing for a speedier tree ascending time, something that all monkeys in Bongo Land will most certainly desire as soon as they see their best friends scaling the large trees in .0002% less time than can now be expected with the conventional monkey tail.

Thanks to the Yoyo County MYF'ers, this monkey tale can now be installed.

Say, has your group held a donkey scrub lately? Probably not.

However, you must have done something such as special service projects, new-type worship services, members who have made outstanding contributions, good money-raising ideas such as donkey scrubs, outstanding parties.

Of course you have, and do you know what you can do now? Here's what—type out a news item, even if it is as dull as the one above, and send it to *Conference Clatter*, 3640 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, Calif.

(BUT if you don't live in the California-Nevada conference, take heed, take good pictures, take paper to typewriter quickly, and send in your ideas and news to (this will really surprise you) CONCERN, the Methodist youth newsmagazine. Address: Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn. And thanks to a wide-awake conference for an especially good promotion idea. We've got some donkeys we're going to herd across the Rockies to Yoyo any day.)

CUES

TV series begins Nov. 7

Repeat performance—Dr. Charles B. "Chuck" Templeton, outstanding Presbyterian evangelist, will appear for the second time on a 14-week "Look Up and Live" series on CBS television network beginning Nov. 7.

The National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Film Commission and the NCC youth department planned the series, which will include youth activities films, youth choirs from the New York area, and featured TV musicians.

The telecast will be from 10:30 to 11 a.m., EST, each Sunday.

Korean appeal materials out

Materials for use in the Bishops' Appeal for Korea have been mailed to all pastors, district superintendents, conference officers, etc., and special "Korean rice bag" offering containers have been mailed to lay leaders and W. S. C. S. presidents.

Wide-awake MYF's and MSM groups will want to see the posters and "rice bags" in particular. They may be ordered through your minister, who has received an order blank.

The Korean offering will be Nov. 14.

Attend church every week

The General Board of Evangelism of The Methodist Church is inviting all faiths in America to participate in an early 1955 crusade for regular attendance in church and daily prayer to God. The crusade theme is "God is our strength—attend church every week; pray every day."

Religious groups, civic and fraternal organizations, labor and industrial management are being invited to join in the emphasis. Materials are being published by Tidings, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

The Nation-Wide Church Attendance Crusade is scheduled to begin the first of the year and continue to Easter Sunday.

Two races work; three observe

MSM in action

This is a double story, a "two-in-one."

The first aspect is an interracial work camp developed last summer in Houston, Texas, by Miss Muriel Wittbold and George Lewis, Southwestern University students, at Georgetown, Texas.

The second aspect is the evaluation of the project by Muriel's SU roommate, Kiyoko Tanabe of Japan, now enrolled in Rice Institute in Houston.

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The interracial work camp, first of its kind in Houston, came into being in the minds of the two SU students who saw the need of volunteer help to repair small Negro churches. George left for New York this summer, but Muriel and several interested young people in Trinity Church where she was youth director, joined by a number of Negro youth, painted a parish house for one church and cleaned up the yard for another.

The Houston *Post* learned about the camp and published both a photo and complete story.

At first the camp was to have been only college students, but so many of them were employed in the summer that the project came also to include teen-agers and older persons, who spent a day at each church.

In addition to painting and yard cleaning, they repaired ceiling and walls and refurbished lawn furniture. Women of the churches served iced tea, and the schedule included dinners, recreational periods and devotional services.

Kiyoko's letter to CONCERN reads in part:

"Miss Wittbold was very modest about her work and has not been concerned to tell people about the work. She also thinks this is just a first trial step. I have been watching the effort of Muriel and her friends for realizing this camp and I was particularly impressed by the fact that the people who cooperate had their own jobs to do . . .

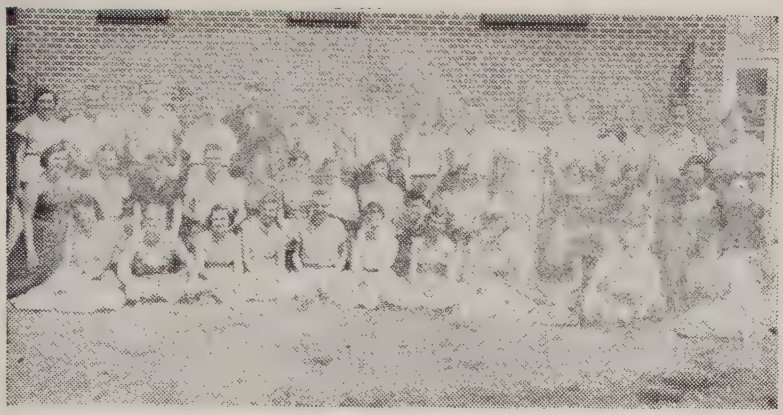
"As a student of American history I understand that the racial problem has been one of the most important concerns of your nation, and that it can be compared with our people's feeling toward class distinction. Many of our youngsters are working hard toward the creation of the equal society which might be hard to understand for your people who enjoyed equality for so long a time.

"I have deep respect and trusts toward your courageous youth as well as toward our youth, because we all believe that these works will lead us to the ideal that 'In the eyes of Christ' there is no difference in people."

We've said it before—we say it again—CONCERN is c..... because we need more news of MSM and older youth activities. Send in your stories or suggestions today.

The evening performance of this volunteer interpretative dance group at the Western Jurisdictional Student Leadership Training Conference at Lake Tahoe, Nev., last month was so impressive no pictures were taken. This next-day photo of the climax of "I Heard a Forest Praying" portrays the phase, "... and night went home to sleep."

Christian Witness Mission



"I was scared to death when I got my first commitment. I tell you, it's serious business trying to win a person for Christ."

This was typical of the statements made by 29 youth and 13 adults in the North Mississippi Conference CWM in Houston, Miss., recently. They worked in seven churches during their training period. A highlight of the mission was the street preaching service on the courthouse square on Saturday afternoon, attended by about 200.

A new MYF resulted from the mission, and a mother's face shone with happiness because some other young people had come to talk with her children about God and Christ.

Local CWM's in the conference will be in March, followed by reception of youth into church membership in Palm Sunday services.

CWM roundup

◆ Between 75 and 100 churches are scheduled to be hosts to Christian Witness Missions in the **North Georgia Conference** in the coming month, on district and sub-district levels, During the summer Pilot CWM in Rome, Ga., 225 young people in 13 churches interviewed 402 other boys and girls and secured 42 first commitments and 157 new MYF members.

◆ The winter Christian Witness Mission of local churches in the **Memphis** (Tenn.) **Conference** will be Dec. 3-5. Ministers are receiving their briefings this month and next; in November sub-district MYF meetings will present the CWM plan for the local church; and the first week-end in December will see an all-out push.

◆ District superintendents in the **Baltimore** (Md.) **Conference** called group quarterly conferences to present the Youth Emphasis and Christian Witness Mission, which was planned to be interracial. A preaching mission in Mt. Vernon Place church October 11-15, with a massed youth choir, followed the local church CWM's, and district victory rallies were conducted Sunday.

◆ The Pilot CWM for the **New England Conference** was conducted Oct. 15 and 16 at Rolling Ridge for ten youth and four adults from each district, who will lead district CWM training Nov. 19 and 20 for local church representatives. The week-end before National Youth Week 1955 (Jan. 30-Feb. 6) will be the local church CWM in the Conference.

◆ There was three-way excitement in the **Southern California-Arizona Conference** CWM in Van Nuys, Calif., this summer. The 48 youth, in a ten-day workcamp, paired off with MYF'ers from nine field churches in the San Fernando Valley, made 459 visitation calls and 499 interviews, securing 303 decisions for Christ and the church. They also took a religious census in Granada Hills, Calif., a new community with a new Methodist congregation and

no MYF. An MYF was organized as a workcamp project.

The third phase of the Van Nuys CWM was the inspiration and challenge of the work of Keith Sawyer, 17, of Gilbert, Ariz., who was outstanding in example and evangelical leadership, and left camp early to receive his home state's highest agricultural honor—Star Farmer award—and others.

Keith Sawyer

◆ "We prayed. And then young people made up their minds to follow Christ." So an Indiana youth expressed his surprise and experience in the Indiana Area CWM.

The Indiana week-end of witnessing saw 318 MYF'ers calling in 1,071 homes, enrolling 400 new members in Indianapolis MYF's. District and sub-district pilot missions followed; local CWM's were next; and youth in the area are participating in the Spiritual Life Missions, Oct. 16-22 in northern Indiana, and Nov. 6-12 in southern Indiana.

"We found that young people wanted us to pray. After we had prayed, they made up their minds what they wanted to do."

Montana plans big plans

"In a big state you have to plan a big program; nothing little will work out here." That's Bruce Cook, Montana MYF president, speaking at the opening of the annual state youth convocation in August.

Three weeks later, the "big program" got rolling with a Christian Witness Mission in Bozeman, where 1,010 houses were surveyed to help a struggling small church, an MYF was started, Sunday services conducted, and visitation evangelism carried on. The 24 participants found more than 300 Methodists and prospects.

In Butte, the group made 933 calls

MYF in action

one afternoon and listed 162 prospects for the church there.

Some of the delegates to the August convocation traveled more than 450 miles to the centrally located camp site to plan for three main emphases in the coming year:

1. A stewardship program, to stress tithing in each MYF. $4,000 of the year's $5,000 goal for youth in the state's 90 pastoral charges will be sent to the MYFund. It will have a special name, however; Bill Good of Billings said, "If we simply give back to God a portion of what he has given us, then our fund is really a re-fund," so the Montana youth will call their giving "Methodist Youth Refund."

2. A program to deepen the spiritual life of MYF members, through a Spiritual Life Retreat in each of the ten sub-districts. Study of the Bible and personal prayer will be stressed all year as the basis for a youth movement that learns to "discover the will of God and live by it."

3. Christian Witness Missions to get churches and MYF's in new areas and to revitalize old ones. This couldn't wait until next summer, however; plans were made for the September CWM in Bozeman.

The group planned to keep crossing distance. Each church not represented in the August convocation will be visited by youth who were there. As the Rev. Owen Arrington of Ronan, conference youth director, said: "Christ wants us to win every young person in Montana. Beginning with ourselves, let's get going!"

"Operation Dragnet" gets them there

MYF'ers who weren't on hand at 6:15 the first evening of the Seymour, Texas, Youth Activities Week — the first one the group has had—were collected in a "scavenger hunt for people" called "Operation Dragnet."

The 54 young people had evening programs of recreation, supper, program and worship. Projects included writing letters to former MYF members in the armed forces or working out

of town, gathering clothing for Korea, building a Nativity Scene, collecting toys for the Sunday School nursery, and visiting shut-ins. Publicity for the week included mailing, posters, radio announcements and telephone calls.

Fifteen teen-agers and five adult workers of the group followed a three-fold purpose in their annual council retreat: (1) to deepen spiritual values of those attending, (2) to draw the council closer together in Christian fellowship, (3) to plan the coming year's program.

The 1954-55 activities include a "back to school" hayride, a Holiday Banquet, painting of tables and toy shelves in the church, sponsoring "Youth Day" in March, a UN costume party, Lenten study, an Easter pageant instead of the usual Christmas pageant, a CROP drive, and a summer Youth Activities Week.

Car wash, TV aid MYFund

Springfield, Mo., had so little rain this summer that cars could not be washed, and enterprising MYF'ers from St. Paul Church added to their treasury by hauling water from a near-by river and scrubbing 40 cars. Last month the same group presented a panel discussion of the MYFund on the Springfield television station, using the Youth Fund map and discussing where the fund is at work.

During a summer retreat at the new conference camp site at Eddorado Springs, Mo., 23 members familiarized themselves with program areas and planned special projects—one to be the remodeling of the old parsonage basement into a "rec room."

Bill Smith, student at Southern Methodist University, was summer youth worker in St. Paul Church. Marjorie Huskey, graduate of National College in Kansas City and former youth worker in First Church of Van Wert, Ohio, is the new director of religious education.

Ft. Worth MYF'ers in "slave auction"

Thirteen members of the Matthews Memorial MYF in Fort Worth, Texas, "sold" in a "slave auction" at the congregation's Family Night last month, raised more than $200 as baby-sitters, car washers, etc. (They say they got the idea from CONCERN.)

More than 400 Methodist youth in the Fort Worth district were given district yearbooks in September at a youth rally for which NCMY President Richard Thompson was speaker.

Long-range planning for the yearbook made it possible to include names and addresses of all local, sub-district and district officers and the program, themes and places of monthly sub-district meetings.

South Dakota camp planned, led by MYF

"Words can never express the wonderful experience which South Dakota MYF members had at their third annual training camp," says CONCERN reporter Anita Radabaugh.

More than 140 youth and counselors attended the camp at Lake Poinsett

Monte Vista, Colo., MYF, sponsors and pastor helped dig and sort discard potatoes in an agricultural experiment area in the San Luis valley, where alkali in the soil is a real problem. Their labors as a work project were so good some of them were hired this month for the harvest.

near Arlington after it was set up in its entirety by the youth state council and their advisor.

New state officers are Jim Wallman of Doland, president; Jim Walton of Sioux Falls, vice president; Billie Jenson of Faulkton, secretary; Myrth Rae Goodfellow of Bruce, treasurer; Anita Radabaugh of Fulton, publicity; Bess Westberg of Beresford, Faith chairman; Karen Bergman of Beresford, Witness; Carolyn Bird of Rapid City, Outreach; Nadine White of Pierre, Citizenship; and Muriel Walker of Murdo, Fellowship.

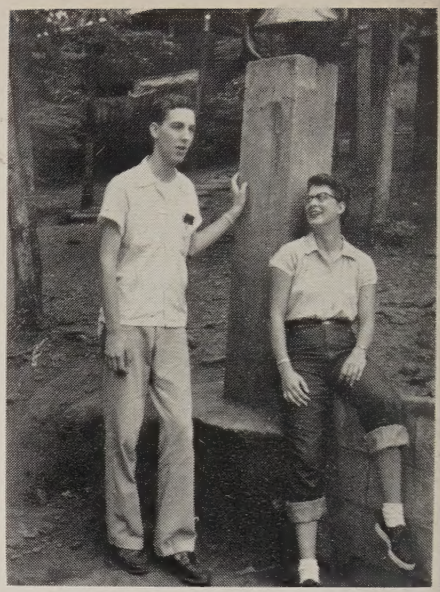
District presidents chosen and installed at the same time are Shirley Sudman of Webster, Jim Antrim of Beresford, and Larry Ingalls of White River.

MYF Roundup

◆ About 75 "work-shoppers" from nine churches comprising the north sub-district of the Washington East District, District of Columbia, had a most successful program for officers and counselors recently. Satisfied response: "Workshops for MYF's are fun, very informative, and most inspirational!"

◆ "Still He Calls, Follow Thou Me" was the theme for the Crusaders' Sub-District council planning retreat at Lake Talquin, Fla., early in September. Plans include a unit and discussion on "dating" in November, a caroling party to the State Mental Hospital at Chattahoochee in December, a January banquet on the current mission emphasis, programs on Summer Service and Christian Vocations in February and March, an MYFund Christmas party in May, and a Hymn Festival in July. A week later "Echoes From Retreat" were presented to the entire membership of the sub-district.

◆ Following racial integration in the Washington, D. C., public schools, Brightwood Park MYF members felt it would be helpful to have a member of a Negro MYF as their guest for a discussion of integration. Peggy Crew, president of the Washington-Virginia sub-district of the Washington Conference, was their speaker Oct. 3, and together they sought understanding of unChristian prejudices, and discovered reasoning to use in counteracting emotional outbursts against the Negro.



New officers of the North Georgia Conference MYF are headed by Charles Frazier of Atlanta. It looks as though Julie Boland of Decatur, ex-prexy, is challenging him to ring the bell to begin his new year.

Friends of CONCERN

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W. W. Steinmetz, Iowa	19
Harry S. Garrett, Iowa	11
Alvin L. Durham, Mass.	20
Hubert Harter, Louisiana	17
Toni Johnstone, Calif.	10

Left-over CUE

Trick or treat Monday night

Too old to "trick or treat?"

If you remember activity about this time last year, you may recall that many Methodist youth groups — all ages — publicized their plans to collect clothing for overseas use instead of making themselves personally richer and/or a nuisance on Hallowe'en.

THE BUTGEREIT CASE

Board of World Peace
The Methodist Church
Chicago, Illinois

To CONCERN:

Many thanks for the fine write-up of the Butgeriet case in CONCERN.

Since no other address is written, it is possible that money might be sent for support of the case to your office. Such funds could be sent directly to the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, 2006 Walnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa., but we would appreciate it if you would designate the funds as coming from Methodist sources and keep us informed as to the amount.

Many thanks for your help in this matter.

(Signed) **Herman Will, Jr.**

United Christian Youth Movement
Fresno, Calif.

To CONCERN:

I have read with interest your article under Forum in the Oct. 1 issue concerning another injustice of the McCarran Act.

As you may know, the 1954 General Council of UCYM and the Citizenship Commission spent some time in dealing with the unfortunate situations created by this act.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could either send us copies of this case, or request the Board of World Peace to do so, as we have a committee working on this at the present time and may be able to add to the cause.

(Signed) **Jerry Schleicher,** Chairman
Citizenship Commission

MOMENT IN MEXICO

To CONCERN:

We have just had the opportunity of worshipping in the Methodist Church here in this splendid city.

This week, there is to be held in Chihauhua a "congresso" of all Methodist youth of Mexico. Twelve young people from this church are going.

This morning, with little ado and in the most natural manner possible, the pastor, the Rev. Paul Rios, called the 12 to the front and told what they are

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to do this week, invited them to kneel at the altar, and had a special prayer for: (1) the young people of Mexico, (2) the youth organization in the Methodist Church of Mexico and especially for this special meeting, and (3) blessings upon this group of 12 young people who would be going from this Church.

It was all done no nicely, it seemed to me it is bound to mean much to these young people. I hope every pastor in Mexico did the same thing in his church. I know this seemed fine to me.

(Signed) **James E. Ellis**

LETTER EXCHANGE

To CONCERN:

As a fervent admirer of your extensive missionary work and generous charity program inspired by your very faith, I should appreciate you to put me in touch with some of your leading members who would like to exchange letters, ideas and stamps with me.

(Signed) **Leo Ulbrich**
Casilla 797
Concepcion, Chile

To CONCERN:

I have been given your address by our Methodist Youth Department, London, and would like to ask your help in contacting an American Methodist Youth Group with a view to forming pen friendships.

We are a mixed club of about 60 in number, and I have at the moment some 15 or 20 members who would like to write to people over there.

Perhaps you could either forward me the address of a suitable club, or pass this letter on to them.

(Signed) **Norman W. P. Jones**
Leader, Fallings Park
Methodist Youth Club
2, Camrock Rd.
The Scotlands,
Wednesfield,
Staffs, England

JEST FOR FUN

She's lovely . . . she's engaged . . . she uses jiu-jitsu.

"Pilot to control tower: I'm coming in; give landing instructions."
"Control tower to pilot: Why are you yelling so loud?"
"Pilot to control tower: I don't have a radio."

What did the cow say when she drank her own milk?
"It all comes back to me now."

What'll you have to drink?
Ginger ale.
Pale?
Oh, no—a glass will be enough.

Salt is the stuff that makes potatoes taste bad when you boil 'em and don't put any in.

The coroner pronounced it suicide . . . because that's the proper way to pronounce it!

Do you know Art? Art who? Artesian. Sure, I know Artesian well!

Would you like to see a model home? Sure, sure! When does she quit work?

"You know, Sarah, I wouldn't say anything about her unless it was good . . . and boy, is this good!"

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Lady: "Sure. Would you prefer being shot or hit with an axe?"

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